

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no. A	Form no. 35
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4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

wn Lexington
 dress 1833-1853 Mass. Ave.
 me Giroux Block
 esent use Stores
 esent owner _____
 scription: _____
 te 1972
 Source Kelley, p. 105
 le _____

Architect Robert Niely
 Exterior wall fabric brick & glass
 Outbuildings (describe) none
 Other features slate roof; contemporary
mansard

Altered _____ Date _____
 Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:
 One acre or less _____ Over one acre X
 Approximate frontage 200'
 Approximate distance of building from street
on sidewalk

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant _____

MHC Photo no. _____

6. Recorded by E.W. Reinhardt
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(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use _____

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	_____	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	_____	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	_____				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

The original building on this site was a three story, wooden frame structure with retail stores at street level and apartments above. It was built in 1874 by John L. Norris, contractor. Originally, the floor level of the stores was several feet above street level and access was gained by mounting four steps to all the shops. In 1924 the entire building was lowered 3 feet to bring the stores to street level. In the early 1900s the Depot Square end of the block contained a hotel/roominghouse.

S. Lawrence Whipple, 1984

Central Block destroyed by fire Feb. 12, 1971
+ Groux Building erected soon thereafter.
Ground broken Jan. 24, 1972.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)